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Amendments To The Specification

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] The furring crimps 4 are positioned between horizontal strands 11. As a result, this construction of the wire lath 10 enables the horizontal strands 11 and the closely spaced strands 14, 16 to remain in the same plane. This has two significant advantages. First, all of the horizontal strands 11 and closely spaced strands 14, 16 are in the same plane. When this wire lath 10 is applied to a wall surface, all of these strands 11, 14, 16 will be evenly positioned $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from the framing material and stucco plaster when applied will be able to completely surround and embed around all of the strands 11, 14, 16. This is very important to achieve full keying and embedment of the wire lath 10, which results in an improved wall with less cracking, superior shear strength for seismic events, and that will not delaminate off the stucco.

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] Further, the rows of furrs 4 on the transverse strands 12 coincide linearly with furrs 4 from the previous revolution. The majority of the furrs 4 will be staggered from the furr 4 directly below in the previous revolution and will not interfere. However, approximately 7 % of the furrs 4 will overlay totally or partially a furr 4 in the previous revolution. In the preferred embodiment, the angles of the side walls of furrs 4 are between approximately 20 and 50 degrees and preferably at 45 degrees[,] or less, from the plane of the lath 10. This ensures that the furrs 4 are self stacking and that there is no interference with furrs 4 on each revolution regardless of where they align in relation to underlying furrs 4.